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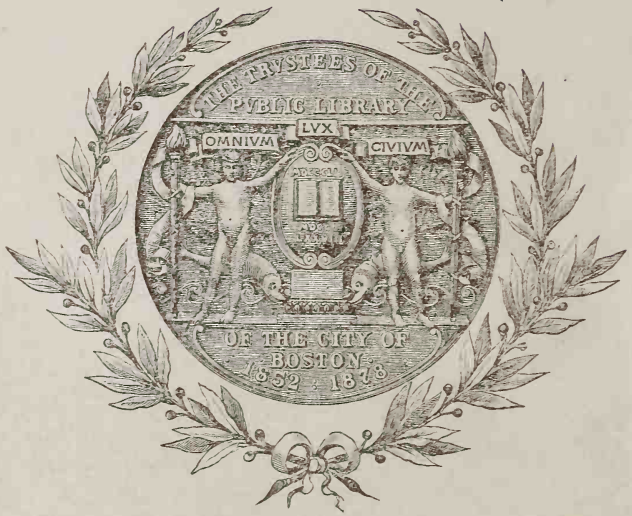

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A SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE

THOMPSON FAMILY,

From the time of their settlement in this Country to the present time--1860.

Anthony Thompson, with his wife, two children and two brothers, John and William, embarked at London on board the ship Hector, and ship (name not known) in company with Governor Eaton, Rev. Mr. Davenport, and others of Coventry, England; and arrived at Boston, June 26, 1637, according to Winthrop's Journal, though Cotton Mather says it was on the 23d of July in the same year. They were dissenters from the Church of England, and left home to enjoy quietly here the principles of their faith; as well as to avoid the constant persecutions, taxes and exactions which were so frequent during the reign of Charles I.

In the spring of 1638, Messrs Davenport and Eaton made diligent search for a desirable location for the settlement of their colony, and being, perhaps, the most energetic and wealthy party, which up to that period had emigrated to those shores;

several towns made them tempting offers to join them, but as no site appeared to hold out as many advantages as Quinipiac, or New Haven, they finally concluded to make that place their permanent abode. Anthony Thompson signed the colony constitution of June 4th, 1639. As the Thompson brothers had probably been more or less connected with agricultural pursuits at home, we find they soon secured lands here. John lived at East Haven and died there Dec. 11, 1674. It is asserted that the farm which he occupied is now in the possession of some of his descendants.

Anthony and William resided at New Haven during their lives, and died there.

Anthony died March 23, 1647, at which time he made a noncupative will, in presence of Rev. John Davenport and Robert Newman, who afterwards committed his instructions to writing, and appeared before the proper officer to prove it, May 27, 1650. He bequeathed the lands which were set off to him originally, and the house which he had erected thereon, to his son John; other lands since purchased, to Anthony; a certain sum to Bridget (a daughter of his first wife) provided she married in accordance with the wishes of the dea-

cons of the church; and the remainder to his second wife Catherine, and to his three daughters by her, her share to continue during her widowhood. But as it appears, she married Nicholas Camp, July 14, 1652, the property probably reverted to the family. Anthony, jr., made his will while on a visit at Milford on the 26th and died on the 29th of December, 1654, giving most of his property to his brother John. William, who was probably a bachelor, made his will October 6, 1682, and died the same year. He bequeathed all his property to his relations, particularly mentioning his nephew John.

John seems to have been a sea Captain. He had three children mentioned on the records of the town, viz:—Mary, born September 9, 1667,; Samuel, born May 12, 1669; Sarah, born January 16, 1671; but he probably had two or three previously, whose names they neglected to register. John died June 2, 1707, and an inventory of his estate is on record. His son Samuel (who was great-grandfather to the writer of this) was married November 14, 1695, to Rebecca Bishop, daughter of the Lieutenant-Governor. They lived at the Beaver Ponds, now called Westville, about two miles from New Haven. He was

captain of the military company in New Haven. He must have been a healthy, athletic man, as his grand son, Hezekiah used to relate that he rode behind him on horseback from New Haven to Goshen, a distance of about 50 miles, when in his 82nd year, at which latter place he died.

His children were

I. Samuel born December 2, 1696.
II. James born June 5, 1699.
III. Amos born March 3, 1702.
IV. Gideon born December 25, 1704.
V. Rebecca born February 23, 1708.
VI. Judah born June 10, 1710—died August 5, 1712.
VII. Judah October 5, 1713.
VIII. Enos born August 18, 1717.

This family lived to an advanced age.—Some of them settled in what is now the town of Stanford, in Dutchess County, near the line of North-east New York, and others in Goshen, Conn. Smith Thompson, Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, and subsequently Secretary of the Navy, descended from this (Stanford) branch of the family. Enos Thompson Throop, grandson of Enos Thompson, was Charge to Naples, and Governor of the

State of New York. Hezekiah, Esq., son of James Thompson was born in 1735. His father died in consequence of a fall from a cherry tree in the year 1737. He being under the guardianship of his uncle, Enos Thompson, at the age of 14 years, was bound out to a saddler's trade; but on arriving at mature age, commenced the study and practice of law, in the town Woodbury; and seems to have been a lawyer of some eminence. He built there a stately mansion, and died March, 1803. He had two sons, William and James. The first lived in Sullivan County N. Y., was first judge of the county and died December 9, 1847. James was an Episcopal clergyman, lived in the town of New Durham, Green county, N. Y., and died August 4, 1844.

I should have made mention of the family of Samuel before that of James, the father of Hezekiah.

Samuel settled on the East line of the town of Stanford, a little West of the place known as Federal Store. He or Ezra built the brick house, now in the possession of widow Phebe Thompson, in the year 1785. His son Caleb the house a little to the West (also a brick house) now owned

by J. B. Carpenter, in the year 1783.— Smith Thompson aforesaid was the son of Ezra.

Amos (my grandfather) settled near the Pond, known by the name of Thompson's Pond as near as I can ascertain about the year 1746; Gideon in Goshen, Conn. I know but little about his descendents. Rebecca, I believe, married a man in New Haven by the name of Austin. Her son, Deacon Austin, was a prominent man in that place, as I have been informed.

Judah, I know but little about, I believe he lived and died in New Haven.

Enos lived on the West side of the square on or near the place where Seth Cook now lives. His daughter was the mother of Enos T. Throop before spoken of.

My grandfather, Amos, was married to Sarah Allen in 1726.

Son Allen was born	in	the	year	1727.
Daughter Rebecca	"	"	"	1729.
Son Amos	"	"	"	1731.
Son Ezra	"	"	"	1734.

The time of the birth of Sarah, Eunice, and Mary, unknown.

Allen died, I believe, soon after settling in this place.

Amos was a Presbyterian clergyman, educated at a college in New Jersey, married Jane Evans, of Maryland, was once settled in North Canaan, Conn., but removed to Loudon county, Va., and died there in the year 1804.

Asa (my father) married Mary Smith, of Suffield, Conn. He lived and died on the farm now owned by his grandson John Thompson. A register of his family is given below:—

Asa Thompson born Deeember 27, 1734.

Mary Smith born November 7, 1737, married February 26, 1756. Their first son Allen was born December 12, 1756, and died September 13 1775.

Second child, John, born Septem'r 4, 1758, died April 9, 1759.

Third child, John, born January 12, 1760, married to Mary Knapp, January 19, 1783, died May 28, 1813.

Fourth child, Mary, born February 6, 1762, married to John Baily March 19, 1783, died January 29, 1835.

Fifth child, Amos, born July 14, 1764, died August 13, 1787.

Sixth child, Eunice, born June 28, 1767, married to John Waters, January 31, 1787, died April 12, 1808.

Seventh child, Sarah, born July 14, 1769, married to Leonard Barton November 23, 1788, died October 19, 1789.

Eighth child, Rebecca, born January 12, 1772, married to David Woolsey October 2, 1788, died January 31, 1837.

Ninth child, Phebe, born June 12, 1774, married to Noah Woolsey February 20, 1821, died December 8, 1826.

Tenth child, Asa A, born October 22, 1776, married to Abigail Sutherland July 7, 1796, said Abagail died January 12, 1820, married a second time to Elizabeth Buckbee November 20, 1821.

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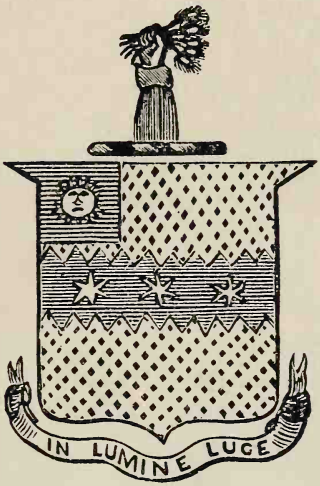
THE THOMPSON FAMILY.



Or, on a fesse dancettee az. three estoiles ar. on a canton of the second, the sun in glory ppr. *Crest*, an arm erect, vested gu. cuff ar. holding in the hand ppr. five ears of wheat or. *Motto*—In lumine luce